

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

IN RE:

JAMIE OSUNA,

No. 1:25-mc-00056-SAB

ORDER GRANTING PLAINTIFF'S
REQUEST TO BE EXEMPT FROM E-
FILING REQUIREMENT, AND DIRECTING
CLERK OF COURT TO FILE COMPLAINT
AND OPEN A NEW PRISONER CIVIL
RIGHTS ACTION

(ECF No. 1)

On June 23, 2025, inmate Jamie Osuna filed a motion for leave and/or exemption from the requirement to electronic file his civil rights complaint pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983.

I.

DISCUSSION

On March 1, 2016, this Court issued a Standing Order for the United States District Court for the Eastern District of California, Fresno Division, that describes a pilot program in which the Court and the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) have agreed to participate in a program whereby initial pleadings submitted by prisoners in civil rights cases involving conditions of confinement claims are electronically filed. As part of this pilot program, CDCR has agreed to collaborate with the Court to obtain and maintain participating penal institutions under the program. Participating penal institutions shall be those institutions which

1 CDCR and the Court agree shall participate in the program. This pilot program is designed to
2 reduce the costs of processing court filings in civil rights cases brought by incarcerated Plaintiffs
3 pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983. This Standing Order only applies to initial filings by Plaintiffs
4 which is defined as the complaint, an application to proceed in forma pauperis without
5 prepayment of fees, or a motion seeking relief from this Standing Order or a motion for
6 emergency relief. At a CDCR participating facility, no initial documents will be accepted for
7 filing by the Clerk of the Court unless done pursuant to the Standing Order or the scanning
8 equipment is inoperable for a period longer than forty-eight (48) hours. After the initial filings,
9 all other filings shall be mailed and comply with the Local Rules for the United States District
10 Court for the Eastern District of California. Issues regarding access to the e-filing program in the
11 Fresno Division of this Court are referred to the undersigned for determination and authorization
12 to open a miscellaneous proceeding prior to accepting the civil complaint should the magistrate
13 judge deem it necessary.

14 Plaintiff has filed a request to be exempt from the e-filing requirement, along with a copy
15 of the proposed complaint. Plaintiff contends that on June 12, 2025, he turned in the complaint to
16 the law library to be electronically filed and was told that it might not get filed due to a lock
17 down. In addition, the law library was closed and Plaintiff on the priority user list. Plaintiff
18 currently has “no access” in administrative segregation and requests the Court to file his
19 complaint. (ECF No. 1.) Although Corcoran State Prison is part of the electronic filing system
20 and has the ability to electronically file complaints with this Court, given Plaintiff’s contention of
21 a lockdown as documented in program status report dated June 12, 2025, the Court will allow
22 Plaintiff to be exempt from the requirement and direct that the complaint be filed in a new
23 prisoner civil rights action.

24 II.

25 ORDER

26 Based on the foregoing, it is HEREBY ORDERED that:

- 27 1. Plaintiff’s request to be exempt from the e-filing requirement is granted;
- 28 2. The Clerk of Court is directed to file open a new prisoner civil rights action;

- 1 3. The Clerk of Court shall file Plaintiff's complaint June 23, 2025 in the new action;
- 2 and
- 3 4. The Clerk of Court shall email a copy of this order to Senior Assistant Attorney
- 4 General Monica Anderson and Supervising Deputy Attorney Lawrence Bragg.
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6 IT IS SO ORDERED.

7 Dated: **June 25, 2025**



STANLEY A. BOONE
United States Magistrate Judge